



COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

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H.R. 1216, a Bill to Restore Congressional Authority Stripped by Obamacare

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

- The health care law provides a \$230 million direct appropriation – automatic spending – for residency programs at teaching health centers.
- H.R. 1216 converts the direct appropriation into an authorization of appropriations. In other words, the bill would ensure all funding requests for this program must go through the normal appropriations process.
- Current law actually puts other programs, such as Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education, at a disadvantage since the teaching health centers receive mandatory funding and children's hospitals will have to go through the normal appropriation process.
- With the national debt above \$14 trillion, it is imperative we restore Congress' role and ensure funding priorities are examined and discussed through the normal process.
- According to CBO, H.R. 1216 would save \$220 million.

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